

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A connecting device intended to be engaged in a coupling bar which comprises a support and two metallic strips mounted in the support and in which a free engagement space is delimited between the metallic strips, said connecting device

including comprising a casing, made from an electrically insulating material and forming a housing provided with two input terminals for the connection of an electrical appliance of the circuit-breaker type,

wherein:

two connecting lugs project out of the casing, ensuring mechanical maintenance and ~~the an~~ electrical link with the metallic strips after introduction of the ~~metallic strips~~ two connecting lugs into the free engagement space,

the electrical link is made from metallic parts joined respectively onto a face of one connecting lug and onto an opposite face of the other connecting lug,

each connecting lug is capable of establishing ~~an~~ the electrical link with the corresponding metallic strip, and

the casing is also provided with two power-supply terminals integrating the electrical appliance into the power-supply circuit when a load or another appliance is connected to the power-supply terminals.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The connecting device according to Claim 9, including a means for indicating the energising of the metallic strips.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) A protecting device comprising the connecting device according to claim 9 and an electrical circuit-breaker.

14. (currently amended) A power supply device intended to be engaged in a coupling bar which comprises two metallic strips mounted in a support and in which a free engagement space is delimited between the metallic strips, said power supply device including comprising:

a casing, made from an electrically insulating material and

two power supply wires, each of which is linked to a connecting lug,

wherein:

said connecting lugs project out of the casing, ensuring mechanical maintenance and an electrical link with the metallic strips after introduction of the ~~metallic strips~~ connecting lugs into the free engagement space,

the electrical link is made from metallic parts joined respectively onto a face of one connecting lug and onto an opposite face of the other connecting lug, and

each connecting lug is capable of establishing an the electrical link with the corresponding metallic strip.

15. (currently amended) The power supply device according to claim 14, wherein the power supply connecting lugs extend approximately orthogonally to the direction of introduction of the power supply wires into said device.

16. (previously presented) The power supply device according to claim 15, further comprising an engagement fitting in which two routing zones of the power supply wires are capable of establishing a connection with the corresponding metallic parts.